

Re: Holden Mtg June 6 Matthew Szelag to: Niemi, Cheryl (ECY)

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Hi Cheryl,

Thanks for checking. Yes, Jennifer MacDonald has been forwarding us the meeting information but thanks for making sure. I'm not sure if Lisa will be able to continue working on this project, but Jannine and I will be attending the June 6 meeting.

Thanks,

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Hi Matt – I assume someone at EPA is sending you and Lisa all this info about the Holden meeting that Laura Klasner is setting up – but I don't see your name on the people scheduled in on Outlook for the meeting. So – am sending this on FYI.... Cheryl

This was the text accompanying the meeting invitation from Laura:

Meeting between Ecology and EPA to determine WER (Water Effects Ratio) path forward. I sent out an email earlier today – this invite is to get the call on our calendars.

EPA potential attendees:

- Jannine Jennings Office of Water and Watersheds, Water Quality Standards Unit, Unit Manager
- Matt Szelag WER specialist
- Lisa Macchio (maybe?) WER specialist
- Dave Einan (regional project manager for Holden Mine)
- Jennifer MacDonald (legal counsel for Holden Mine)

Ecology potential attendees:

- Melissa Gildersleeve WQ-HQ Watershed Management, Unit Supervisor
- Gary Bailey WQ-HQ Program Dev Services
- Cheryl Niemi WQ-HQ Water Quality Management Unit
- Andy Fitz legal counsel for Holden Mine
- Laura Klasner TCP-CRO site manager for Holden Mine
- Valerie Bound TCP CRO- supervisor
- Norm Hepner TCP-CRO assisting with WQ issues at Holden Mine
- Susan Braley her name has been mentioned WQ -HQ, would you like her to attend this meeting?

At the last meeting several questions remained, including:

- Availability of resources
- Requirements for path forward (EIS, rule making, etc.)
- Success of any WERs in similar situations

However, Jennifer MacDonald (EPA legal counsel) was unable to attend our last WER meeting (last minute cancellation - major Hg spill in OR needed a warrant) and has stated that the CERCLA exemption can greatly alleviate the process (w/rt the EIS and rule making questions). She would like to discuss the WER topic further.

– Thanks everyone!